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1. A large MVD supply depot, Voyenni-Sklad MVD 28, was on the northeastern perimeter of TASHKENT. The depot existed during the war and was enlarged after 1945. The about 3,300 x 2,000-foot area was surrounded by a wall and, on one side, by a barbed-wire fence where numerous watchtowers were located. The depot was guarded by MVD personnel with dogs. A railroad spur track led to the depot.

2. The depot personnel consisted of about 15 Soviet officers, 30 MVD troops, 20 Soviet women, and a labor detail of about 30 PWs.

3. Depot Installations:

a. Warehouses (storage):

About fifteen brick and wood structures about 200 x 25 feet for grain. One brick structure, about 50 x 30 feet, oils and fats.
One shed for spades, pickaxes, and shovels.
One wooden structure, about 40 x 25 feet, for forage supplies and salt.
Two wooden structures, about 65 x 25 and 100 x 25 feet, for medical supplies.
Two brick structures, each about 100 x 25 feet, for uniforms and shoes.
One brick structure, about 200 x 35 feet, for raw rubber and tires in the basement, and infantry weapons and 75-mm and 122-mm AT ammunition on the first floor.
One wooden structure, about 50 x 20 feet, for electric and telephone wires.
One building, about 50 x 20 feet, for 50-mm and 80-mm mortar ammunition.
One brick building, about 100 x 25 feet, for motor vehicle spare parts, radio and signal equipment.
One brick building, about 100 x 25 feet, for horse harnesses, etc.

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One brick building, about 100 x 25 feet, for gas defense and engineer equipment.
One wooden structure, about 35 x 15 feet, for gas-protective clothing and antigas gearings.
One wooden building, about 100 x 25 feet, for horse-drawn vehicles and field kitchens, with about two hundred additional field kitchens and horse-drawn vehicles standing on a nearby fenced-in lot.
One bunker, about 15 x 10 feet, for explosives
One bunker, about 65 x 20 feet, for fats and oils
One parking lot where about 60 Studebaker and ZIS motor vehicles were parked.

b. Workshops:

Armory
Grinding and polishing shop
Forge and carpenter shop
Tailor and shoemaker's shop
Motor vehicle repair shop

c. Besides the usual administration and utilities buildings, the mentioned warehouses and workshops, the Sklad 28 depot had numerous other unidentified buildings available.

4. The stocks of the Sklad 28 depot were for the MGB and MVD personnel in the MASHKENT area. Weapons and vehicles were in excellent condition. Ammunition was well preserved and stored.

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Comment:

The report confirms previous information *, which, however, stated that the Sklad 28 depot belonged to the Soviet Armed forces. Since the previous report also mentioned MVD and MGB units drawing supplies from the depot, it is believed to belong to the MVD.

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